

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING KATHRYN VICCHI-  
ULLO OF BUSHNELL, FLORIDA

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 4, 2005*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kathryn Ann Vicchiullo of Bushnell, Florida. A lifelong resident of Florida, Kathryn is a shining example of a woman who has returned to the community where she was raised to help it grow and prosper.

Following her graduation from South Sumter High School in 10th grade, Kathryn enrolled at Stetson University. At the age of 16, she was the youngest student ever enrolled at Stetson. Kathryn went on to receive her bachelor's degree with a triple major in English, Political Science and Russian.

After her graduation, Kathryn enrolled at Barry Law School, where she recently completed her first year of studies. On a hiatus from her legal studies, Kathryn has returned to South Sumter High School, where she is teaching English.

In addition to her stellar academic career, Kathryn spent much of her teenage years and vacations during college working for her parents' family restaurant, Mr. Goodburger. When not teaching at South Sumter, Kathryn has studied to become a certified financial planner, and worked to put herself through law school. I am also proud to note that this weekend, Kathryn will marry Shawn Seufert in Howey-In-The-Hills, Florida and start the next stage of her life.

Mr. Speaker, it is women like Kathryn who will help Florida's 5th Congressional District prosper and grow into the future. Her success and hard work should serve as an inspiration to young men and women in Bushnell and throughout Florida.

HONORING THE LIFE OF "SKITCH"  
HENDERSON

**HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 4, 2005*

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great friend and a gentleman who gave the gift of music freely, enthusiastically, and successfully throughout his life: my friend Lyle Russell Cedric "Skitch" Henderson. Skitch passed away on November 1 at his home in New Milford at 87.

Skitch was born in England, and moved to the United States in the 1930's. In the early years, he eked out a living as pianist, playing vaudeville and movie music in Minnesota and Montana road houses. His big break came in 1937 when he filled in for an ailing accompanist for an MGM promotional tour featuring Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney. When the

tour wrapped up in Chicago, he used the original pianist's ticket and went to Hollywood. There he met Bob Hope and played piano for Bob on the Pepsodent Show. He became friends with Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby and lent them his musical expertise. He continued on to win a Grammy award as a conductor. His many remarkable accomplishments reflect his diverse talents and character.

During World War II, Skitch like many others put his life on hold for the greater cause. He flew both the Royal Air Force and, after becoming an American citizen, the United States Army Air Corps. This fostered Skitch's love for airplanes and flying, which became a lifelong passion.

Skitch may be best known from his days as the bandleader for Steve Allen's "Tonight Show," which brought Skitch into the nation's living rooms every night. Skitch not only served as bandleader for Allen, but for Jack Paar and Johnny Carson as well, reflecting his rich personality and breathe of talents.

Not resting on his laurels, Skitch founded the New York Pops in 1983. He wanted to share his passion for music by bringing the more accessible symphonic pops fare to a broader audience. He led free New York Pops concerts in the city's parks each summer, so that people of all backgrounds could experience the majesty of hearing a world-class orchestra perform live. The New York Pops is now the largest independent symphonic pops orchestra in the United States.

Beyond his career as a performer, Skitch helped thousands of New York City's school children gain new possibilities in life through music. He personally visited classrooms throughout the city to encourage children in a love of music and learning. Recently, he was appointed to be a distinguished Professor of Music at Western Connecticut State University and only a few weeks ago, with that twinkle in his eye, excitedly shared with me his vision of this great opportunity to develop the talents of local students and mold them into a first rate orchestra.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Skitch's wife Ruth. The couple married on February 7, 1958 and since then, they have not only been partners in marriage, but Ruth has been a partner in Skitch's many endeavors and is currently President of the New York Pops.

Skitch Henderson brought music, beauty, and hope to millions. It is my privilege to rise to honor him for enriching the lives of people of all ages over many decades throughout America. Few leave such a magnificent legacy. A life well lived, my friend!

TRIBUTE TO JOHN E. TAYLOR

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 4, 2005*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to commend John E.

Taylor for his dedicated service to the National Archives. Mr. Taylor has worked for the National Archives since 1946. Throughout those years, Mr. Taylor has been acclaimed by researchers worldwide for his extraordinary grasp of history and ability to locate pertinent documents.

Mr. Taylor specializes in World War II documents and records of the Office of Strategic Services. Mr. Taylor's colleagues praise him as one of the most knowledgeable and generous archivists, known for his sound advice and resourceful assistance to authors, scholars and historians.

Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Taylor has been honored by groups all over the world. In 1997 Mr. Taylor was honored by the Japanese Embassy for helping Japanese historians and journalists for the previous forty years. In 2003 the American Jewish Historical Society awarded Mr. Taylor its first "Distinguished Archivist Award" for his lifetime of work as an archivist. He has also received numerous honors from the National Archives itself. The National Archives has a special John E. Taylor Collection of books on espionage and intelligence which largely consists of works with which Mr. Taylor provided critical assistance.

Mr. Taylor is truly an invaluable resource. His service at the National Archives is legendary, and he will be greatly missed as he enters retirement. I applaud Mr. Taylor for his outstanding achievements and dedication to his work and wish him an enjoyable and fulfilling retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING  
OF REVEREND HOLLICE T. WIL-  
LIAMS

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 4, 2005*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise today to note the passing of a man whose legacy will forever be remembered. In 1970, Reverend Hollice T. Williams became the first black city councilman in Pensacola, a city in my district in Northwest Florida.

For more than twelve years, Rev. Williams served on the city council, re-elected six times to the council. However, his service to Northwest Florida extended far beyond elected office. For nearly 50 years, Rev. Williams worked at the local YMCA, eventually becoming executive director in 1969. Through his different positions at the YMCA, he became known as a man with a genuine sense of caring who fostered that sense into those with whom he came into contact.

The Reverend Hollice Williams was also known in areas of the community as he continuously addressed civic issues for the black community as well as the faith-based community. His love for God was readily apparent in

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